

Rockingham Market Sept. 21  
Middling..... 20 1-2  
Strict..... 20 3-4  
Good.....  
New York Futures Closed Today  
Oct. 20.81 Dec. 21.08, Jan. 20.88

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## Farm Demonstration Department



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### Wheat On The Sandhills.

Wheat on the Sandhills as a money crop is not recommended. However, sufficient wheat should be sown on each farm to produce a bread supply.

#### Type of Soil.

It was once believed that wheat could be produced on clay lands only. This, however, was before the intelligent use of fertilizers was known as it is today.

Sandhill land will produce wheat if all the elements of plant food and moisture-holding materials are added. In other words, give wheat the same intelligent attention that you would corn or cotton and sow at the proper time and in the proper manner, and you will succeed, barring unfavorable weather conditions.

Purple straw, Leap's prolific and Fulcaster are varieties recommended for North Carolina conditions.

Wheat, like other crops, must have sufficient potash and acid phosphate to form grains in the heads, and these elements must have nitrogen sufficient with (Continued on Page 8.)

### Guessing on Cotton Crop

Commerce and Finance, a business weekly, published in New York by Theodore Price, had an interesting tabulation of guesses from hundreds of its southern readers in its special cotton edition of September 13th.

Last year when the actual yield was 7,954,000 bales, the average guess of its readers was 8,023,805, a discrepancy of only one half of one per cent. In 1920 the actual yield was 13,197,775, and the average guess of its readers was 12,725,610.

And now this year the average guess of 754 readers is 10,548,400 bales, and a prediction that the average price middling will be 23 3-4 cents per pound.

The average of the North Carolina guesses was 11,012,000 bales. The highest guess was J. H. Webb, of Hillsboro, with 12,750,000 bales, and lowest by B. G. Thompson, of Goldsboro, with 8,667,000 bales. The guess of Hannah Pickett mill was 11,150,000, of H. D. Ledbetter 12,000,000, of Claude Gore 11,400,000, of M. Pegues, of Greenville, 10,300,000, of M. W. Duvall of Cheraw, 10,250,000.

The general feeling, however, is that the Commerce and Finance average guess of 10,548,000 is too high, and that the final crop will not pan out more than 10,000,000.

## SUBSCRIPTION CIRCLE

List of New Subscribers to the Good Old Home Paper.

Since September 1st exactly 49 NEW subscribers have joined the POST-DISPATCH family of readers. These new subscribers are in addition to the three score renewals since the 1st. The paper has made no efforts to induce them to subscribe, nor has it any canvassers in the field. The new business is appreciated, for we feel that they are subscribing purely for the merits of the paper itself.

The following are those new subscribers to this paper since Sept 1st:

Watt Parsons	L Freeman
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J H Hendley	J O Barnhardt
Tom Linton	W J Freeman
P E Nicholson	S W Ellerbe
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Russell Ford	B F Parsons
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J R Nash	C C New
G W Garner	Jack Ellerbe
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Miss Arabella Gore	Rich Patterson, col
Walter M Smith	Maurice Rainwaters
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## SHANKLE KILLED

Former Richmond County Man Killed Near Norwood Sunday Afternoon.

His friends in Richmond county, where he lived for some years, will regret to know of the death of Mr. Brantley Shankle, which occurred half a mile from Norwood Sunday afternoon about 6 o'clock when a man, believed to be Robbie Duke, shot him through the head with a shotgun.

The following account of the killing is copied from the Stanly News: (Continued on Page 6.)

### Bank Statements.

The four Rockingham banks have their quarterly reports in this issue. And it is worthy of comment to note that these reports show larger deposits, and smaller loans, than for many months. It shows that folks are liquidating their debts and in better shape.

### Superior Court.

The next criminal term of Superior Court will convene at Rockingham October 2nd with Judge Long presiding.

## AT THE GARDEN

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22nd

Ben Turpin in "THE HOME TALENT"  
Harold Lloyd in "NEVER WEAKEN"

Show opens at 2:30; runs until 11 p. m.

Admission 10 and 25c.

## A DOUBLE ELECTROCUTION

Graphic Account of the Electrocution of the Two Negroes At the Pen September 15th.

Among those who witnessed the electrocution of the two negroes at the penitentiary at Raleigh last Friday 15th, were Sheriff R. L. McDonald, of Richmond county, and Josh Bean. This was the first electrocution ever witnessed by Sheriff McDonald; however, he has been present (Continued on Page 2.)

### Ben Long Escapes.

Ben Long has again made his escape from the chain gang.

He is a young white man who some time ago was sentenced to the roads for 30 months. He escaped once from jail; and then later got away from the chain gang. About three weeks ago he was recaptured across the State line, and again put on the gang, to complete his 30-month sentence, of which he had served about 18.

On last Friday morning about 6 o'clock while the gang was preparing to leave camp for work, he casually carried the breakfast pans from where the men were gathered about the cage, to the cook shack nearby. He wore shackles and was in plain view of the guards. But just as he reached the cook door, by a pre-arranged plan several of the colored prisoners began fighting; this distracted the attention of the guards, and Long quickly slipped into the shack and hid himself.

The guards in a few minutes carried the other prisoners (about 45) on to work, and it was not noticed that Long was not with the squad. At any rate, after they disappeared, he (either with or without help) got the shackles loose, and hit the grit. Supt. Baldwin is now offering a reward of \$25 for his capture.

Some weeks ago the negro cook at the camp, who was a trusty, went "foraging" one night, and wound up at a still where he became drunk. For this the superintendent reduced him to ranks, and put him in shackles back to work. A Rockingham negro youth named Cole was put in the kitchen. The superintendent believes that Cole helped Ben Long to escape, or to remove the shackles, and so he has demoted Cole and put him back to the cages.

Long will have to face trial and additional sentence, when captured, for this last escape.

### Reception To Faculty.

The Parent-Teachers association will give a reception to the Rockingham school faculty tomorrow (Friday) night from 8 to 10 at the graded school building. The parents of the town and community are cordially invited to come and meet the teachers and spend a pleasant evening.

### New R. F. D.

It is reported that surveys are being made looking to the establishment of a new R. F. D. from Rockingham, to be known as No. 6. It will travel easterly from town.

# SHRINE BAND COMING

Big Celebration and Cornerstone Laying at Rockingham Oct. 11th. Gen. Royster to Speak. Shrine Band Coming with 40 Pieces. Big Free Barbecue. Football Game in Afternoon. 10,000 People Expected. A Great Day in Prospect.

Grand Master James H. Webb, of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., has been requested by the County Commissioners and Rockingham School Boards to formally lay the cornerstones of the new \$200,000 courthouse and new \$100,000 high school building. The Grand Lodge has accepted the invitation, and arrangements are now being made to make the day the biggest event of its kind in this section.

Wednesday, Oct. 11th, has been selected as the day. I. S. London (Continued on Page 7.)

### Water Analysis Good.

A specimen of the city water was sent to the State Laboratory at Raleigh on Sept. 14th, and the analysis showed it to have a heavy sediment, a high turbidity, and that colon bacilli was present in 10 cubic centimeters, but NONE in 1 cubic centimeter.

This caused some to become alarmed and the report became circulated that the water was dangerous and should not be used. As a matter of fact, Chemist Shore, at Raleigh, says that even with the above report, the drinking of the water need not be discontinued.

However, a new analysis has since been made, the POST-DISPATCH receiving a copy of this today. The new specimen was sent to Raleigh Sept. 18th. It shows little sediment, no turbidity, and NO colon bacilli—a very good report. So go on and use the water and dream dreams of the time when Rockingham will have its own water supply.

### Cotton Being Marketed.

Cotton is being marketed rapidly. Last Saturday the one firm of W. T. Covington & Co. bought 265 bales; we have no figures as to Mr. Malloy's purchases. The streets were lined with wagons, waiting their turn to unload.

To date W. T. Covington & Co. have bought 1657 bales of new cotton; this compares with 1385 bought for the first 21 days in September last year, and 1407 for same time in 1919. Today the price paid was 20½c; same day last year 19½c; same day 1919 28½c.

### County School Report.

Elsewhere in the Post-Dispatch can be seen the annual financial statement of the receipts and disbursements of the county schools. The statement shows \$128,250 received from the County Commissioners, \$5,048.13 from Clerk of Court, \$1,880.50 from Hamlet Recorder, and with other incidental amounts, total revenue received for the year ending June 30th, 1922, was \$149,070.33. This added to \$6,788.26 brought forward from June 30, 1921, makes a total of \$155,858.59.

The disbursements were \$79,375.77 for general county expense, \$55,603 for white teachers' salaries, \$13,464.50 for colored teachers, \$5,500.29 for district expense, and \$1,191.72 for high school expense, making a total disbursement for the year \$155,195.28, leaving a bank balance June 30, 1922, of \$60,663.31.

## SPLENDID OPENING

Big Enrollment in City School. 125 More the First Day Than Same Day Last Year. Supt. and 24 Teachers.

The Rockingham school opened last Monday, 18th, with an even 650 enrolled. This is 125 more than were present the first day last year. And there is every indication that the school will run well over 800 this year. 200 registered in the high school the first day.

The faculty has more members than was the case last year. It consists of the Supt. and 24 teachers. The new high school building will not be completed before Nov. 1st, and until then various buildings are being utilized. A section of the 8th grade is in the Masonic hall; the Junior (Continued on Page 12.)

Black's 5, 10 & 25c store has some attractive "specials" for Saturday. See the advt on page eleven.

### \$1.40 Town Rate.

The paper stated last issue that the rate of taxation for Rockingham this year would be \$1.50 on the \$100 valuation. Since then, it has been found that the budget for the streets will not require as much as last year (when a tractor, sweep, etc., were bought), and therefore the rate will be lowered to \$1.40.

In round numbers, the taxable property in Rockingham is \$4,800,000. There are 470 polls at \$2.00 each, and 80 dogs listed for taxation at \$1.00 each.

The town budget and tax rate will be as follows:

Interest and sinking fund, rate 72c, amount \$34,000.

Schools, rate 33c, amount \$15,000.

Library, rate 2c, amount \$1200.

General expenses, rate 33c, amount \$15,200.

Total rate \$1.40.

Total budget \$65,400.

(Note: Under the head of "General expense" comes the following:

Cemetery.....	\$1200
Health.....	500
Water & Fire.....	5000
Streets.....	5000
Police & Salaries.....	3500
Total.....	\$15200

\$2000 funding bonds are to be paid off this year out of the total budget.)

## ELLERBE STORE ROBBED

H. W. F. Store At Ellerbe Robbed Monday Night. Blood Hounds Trail For a Mile.

Monday night about 3 o'clock the hardware store of the H. W. F. Co., at Ellerbe was entered. The thief prized his way through a side window. The cash register was wrenched open and about \$20 in cash taken. The manager could not tell for sure just what other stuff was missing.

Manager Williams as soon as he learned of the breaking, phoned long distance to Raeford and in a few minutes an officer from that town with his three blood hounds was on his way to Ellerbe. He reached Ellerbe at 9:50—just about seven hours after the robbery. People had been kept away from the window, and the dogs were put on the scent. They unhesitatingly trailed down the street to the depot, then down the track, then followed a street to the main street, or highway, then down this highway towards Ellerbe Springs, stopping at the forks of the road above the Springs. The older dog "bayed" at this point and tracks, etc., indicated that the party or parties had gotten into a car.

It is understood the manager of the store has a clue, but so far no arrest has been made.

### Chamber of Commerce.

A Chamber of Commerce is to be organized for Rockingham and community, and the organization will be perfected at a public dinner to be given at the Rockingham hotel next Monday night, September 25th, at 7:30. Every man in the community is invited to come to this meeting whether you wish to be a party to the push of Rockingham or not. The price per plate will be 75 cents.

Mr. T. A. Hunter, president of (Continued on Page 6.)

## AT THE STAR THEATRE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22nd

'The Loves of Pharaoh'

Also, a Snub Pollard comedy.

Adm. 10 and 25c.

## The Star Theatre Rockingham, N. C.

For the week beginning Sept. 25th

Monday, Sept. 25th.

First National presents Richard Barthelmess in "TOLLE DAVID"

Also a Comedy

Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Jesse L. Lasky presents Thomas Meighan in "IF YOU BELIEVE IT, IT'S SO"

Also a Comedy

Wednesday, Sept. 27th.

First National presents Katherine McDonald in "HER SOCIAL VALUE"

Hokus Pokus: A 2-reel comedy

Thursday, Sept. 28th.

First National presents Pola Negri in "ONE ARABIAN NIGHT"

Also a Comedy

Friday, Sept. 29th.

Jesse L. Lasky presents Betty Compson in "THE BONDED WOMAN"

Also, a Snub Pollard comedy.

Saturday, Sept. 30th

"TIMBER QUEEN NO 5"

"PENNY REWARD," A Comedy

"PEARLS OF YUKON" No. 13

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